



GREEN DIARY SEPTEMBER 2012



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- Wed 5, 5:30pm BC Women in Energy Network- Victoria Networking Reception with MP Elizabeth May. Speakers include Janice Larson, TJ Schur, Judith Cullington. Open to everyone. \$60/\$50. Delta Ocean Pointe Hotel. bcwen.ca
- Thur 6, 7pm Permaculture, with Javan Kerby Bernakevitch. Emerging Green Builders, Burnside Gorge Centre, 471 Cecilia Rd.
- Sat 8, 10-12pm Free Composting Basics Workshop. Learn all the basics. Pre-register office@compost.bc.ca or 250-386-9676
- Sat 8, 2-4pm Seed Saving. Learn about seed selection, harvesting, processing, cleaning and storing seed for next year's garden. \$15/\$10. Pre-register office@compost.bc.ca or 250-386-9676
- Sun 9, 11-3pm **Local Food Harvest Festival, Market Square.** Local food, local farmers. www.VictoriaPublicMarket.com
- Tue 11, 5-7pm **Green Drinks** at The Office on Yates, across from the Odeon. Drink and be green! greendrinks victoria.ning.com
- Tue 11, 7:30pm Flower designs and How Native Bees Work in Concert with Them. Gord Hutchings. VNHS, UVic Fraser 159.
- Wed 12, 6:30pm **The Business Case for Sustainability:** What capitalism in pursuit of the common good can achieve, with Bob Willard, author of *The New Sustainability Advantage*. UVic, David Strong 103. Free. 250-853-3721, cssi@uvic.ca
- Thur 13, 7pm Indigenous Rights in the UN System: Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples with Kenneth Deer (Mohawk) and Robert Morales (Hul'quminux Treaty Group). UVic Fraser 159
- Thur 13/Fri 14 6-9pm, Sat 9-4pm. Compost Educator Volunteer Training Program. \$100 office@compost.bc.ca or 250-386-9676
- Sun 16, 10-2pm Victoria's Secrets Bike Ride. Meet Centennial Square - Victoria's cycling jewels and secrets. Bring lunch. GVCC.
- Sun 16, 5:30-8:30 VIVA-Raw Potluck with Shelagh Franklin of Apple Café. Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser St. Bring raw vegan food dish of 6 or more servings with ingredients list, serving utensils \$5 per adult. <http://vivaraw.ca> 250-380-6383
- Sun 16, 6:30pm Hands-on beginner canning workshop at Ingredients Store and Cafe, 2031 Store St. Register at lifecyclesproject.ca.
- Mon 17, 7pm **Global Energy Transitions from an Energy Systems Perspective.** Dr. Lawrence Pitt, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. BCSEA Victoria Chapter, 875 North Park St. bmackenzie@bcsea.org www.bcsea.org
- Tue 18, 12-1pm The Passive House – BCSEA Webinar with Guido Wimmers. Free. Register at www.bcsea.org/events
- Tue 18, 4:30-7pm Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team social and AGM. Appetizers, cash bar, keynote address by Dr. Peter Arcese. UVic Arbutus-Queenswood Rm. \$15 RSVP by Sept 12th 250-383-3427 or at www.goert.ca
- Tue 18, 7:30pm Matchosin Biodiversity BioBlitz. Highlights from the VNHS-sponsored event. Swan Lake Nature House
- Tue 18, 7pm **Changing the Game: Vancity's Journey to Redefine Wealth,** with Vancity president and CEO Tamara Vrooman, and the Global Alliance for Banking on Values. UVic Bob Wright A104.
- Thur 20, 6:30pm City of Colwood Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Discussion of sewage treatment options in Colwood, including localised wastewater treatment. City Hall 3300 Wishart Road.
- Thur 20, 7pm Mycorrhizal Mushrooms on Southern Vancouver Island. Kem Luther. UVic MacLaurin D116. \$3. www.NPSG.ca
- Fri 21, 5-7pm UN International Day of Peace and Global Ceasefire. Proclamation by Mayor, poetry, music, family-friendly event at Victoria City Hall. Penny Joy and SaulArbess 250-383-5878
- Fri 21, 7:30pm Introduction to Natural and Cultural History of WENNANEC with Belinda Claxton and Briony Penn \$10. UVic Call 250-472-4747 to register for ASPL003. Followed by Saturday workshop 10-4pm \$100 + HST.
- Sat 22-Sun 23 Intro to Permaculture. Basic principles, designs and practices. \$110. Pre-register Compost Centre 250-386-9676
- Sat 22, 11-3pm Hawk Watch at East Sooke Regional Park. Live raptor demonstrations and activities, spotting scopes above Beechey Head. Bring binoculars, water, lunch. Aylard Farm parking lot off Becher Bay Road. CRD Parks/VNHS
- Sun 23, 10-4pm **Sooke Slow Food Cycle Tour.** Easy 33km ride. Visit 17 practical examples of food-forest gardens, chickens, alternative energy and discovering the joys of community. \$21. <http://www.sookeslowfoodcycle.com/routes>
- Sun 23, 10-4pm **Sooke Slow Food Collective Transition Sustainability Expo and Market Place.** Host of speakers, exhibits, workshops, displays, electric bikes and cars. Edward Milne Community School. www.sookeslowfoodcycle.com
- Sun 23, 1pm **Science, God and Nature: Why do we find it so hard to live in harmony with the Earth?** Presentation by Guy Dauncey, everyone welcome. First Metropolitan United Church, Quadra St. \$10. Register online at church office.
- Sun 23, 6:30pm Hands-on advanced canning workshop. Ingredients, 2031 Store St. Need previous experience. lifecyclesproject.ca
- Mon 24, 7:30pm Climate Change Fore and Aft: Where on Earth Are We Going? Dr. Tom Pedersen, Director of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. The oceanographic history of the western margin of North America. What can be learned about past climate change from chemical records stored in sedimentary marine deposits? VNHS, UVic Fraser 159
- Wed 26, 7:30pm The Secret Life of Hummingbirds Up Close. Presentation by Eric Pittman, who has filmed more than 20 different hummingbird nests from egg to flight in HD video. VNHS, UVic Fraser 159
- Thur 27, 7pm **Building a Global Culture of Peace,** with James O'Dea, internationally renowned peace builder, one of world's leading voices in the emerging new peace movement. First Met Church Sanctuary, Quadra. \$10 pjoy@shaw.ca.
- Fri 28, 8:30-4pm **Conservation Connection. Victoria 12th Annual Conservation Community gathering.** Keynote speech by Elizabeth May. Royal Roads \$35. More info & registration at www.hat.bc.ca
- Sat 29, 2-4pm Backyard Food Forests. How to design a food-producing garden modeled on the structure and function of natural woodland. Pre-register office@compost.bc.ca or 250-386-9676
- Sat 29, 9-5pm Workshop with James O'Dea, on his book *Cultivating Peace*. \$75. New Horizons, 234 Menzies St. pjoy@shaw.ca
- Sun 30, 1-5pm **5th Annual Chef Survival Challenge – Quest for the Golden Broccoli.** 100% of the proceeds go to farmland conservation. Madrona Farm, 4317 Blenkinsop Road. \$40 adults, \$100 families www.chefsurvivalchallenge.com